

# Australian VX One Class Association Inc.

## Annual General Meeting

Venue: Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

Date: Sunday 26th January 2020

Time: 9:00am to 10:20am

### Minutes

1. Presidents Report: 2:44

In absences of John Whitbread and Michael James, Brett Whitbread made comment of another solid year with massive growth in Brisbane and plenty of interest in the class Nationally as we look forward to another great year in the class.

Moved by Dolly 2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory Hall

2. Treasurers Report: 3:43

<b>As of 20/01/20</b>	
Opening balance	\$3,970.00
Membership 19/20	\$4,050.00
Assets	
VX One Merchandise	\$3,800.00
VX One Flags	\$200.00
VX One Prepetual Trophies	\$300.00
Website	\$60.00
<b>Closing balance as at 20/1/20</b>	<b>\$12,917.00</b>
Nationals Regatta Costs	\$6,500.00
<b>Closing balance after Nationals</b>	<b>\$6,417.00</b>

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3. Measurers Report: 4:54

Joel McDonald commended the Fleet on their enthusiasm towards having a 100% compliance for the 2020 nationals, with only 2 sails out of the whole measuring session being non-compliant, and owners more than willing to get sails recut

Moved by Brian Case and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Dean

4. Election of Committee for Ensuing 12 months: 6:36

Outgoing Committee

President: Vacant

Vice President: Michael James, stepping down

Treasurer/Secretary: Brett Whitbread, stepping down

Chief Measurer: Joel McDonald

Assistant Measurer: Peter Rechenbera

Assistant Measurer: Sturt Minchin

Web Master: Ben Pfitzner

## Incoming Committee

President: Brian Case

Vice President: Fred Kasperek

Treasurer: Steve Girdis

Secretary: Dave Hyde

Chief Measurer: Joel McDonald

Assistant Measurer: Role removed until 2021

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Web Master: Ben Pfitzner

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## State Reps

QLD: Brett Whitbread

NSW: Dave Hyde

ACT: David Smith

VIC: Chris Bland

Assistant measurers have been removed until next year, Joel made comment that he would like to see a full day spent by the new assistant measurers at the 2021 Nationals to be signed off as competent.

In closing out of the new committee, Brett Whitbread made comment that he would like to see more effort put in by all members to ensure that payments are made on time or when asked. This would greatly reduce the workload on the committee.

### 5. National Championships Venue Roster: 27:47

Last year's plan was to go back to Victoria but with only 2 boats traveling from VIC the decision was hard to justify going back. It was debated with Geelong, Metung and Royal Brighton as potential venues; also the current venue LMYC had high running costs with limited resources. 3 proposals were put forward: RQYS, Sail Melbourne and Festival of Sails. It was unanimous with over 80% show of hands - RQYS. The committee suggested the dates be chosen by the interstaters. There was plenty of discussion for the Nationals to be over the Christmas break, another proposal was early January, in the end it was decided we would hold the Nationals over the Australia day weekend, but racing from Friday to Sunday instead of Saturday to Monday.

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### 6. International Constitution: 47:48

Brett Whitbread informed the room on what was happening, this is quite involved and I suggest you listen to the voice recording if you are interested, you will find it at 47:48

- After 8 months of planning and work with Chile, America, Canada and England from Brett the International Constitution has been put on hold from Australia
- Brett didn't agree with the structure as it is 80% driven by the American
- America has fleets and the fleet captain gets a vote, however the captains don't communicate with the rest of the fleet before voting
- Brett wanted the structure changed to ensure all members had a chance to vote
- UK is not interested in forming a Constitution as the builder run the class
- Canada wants to be part of America
- Brett wanted to be able to have a fair say in what happens in the class, however currently Australia can not
- We could join the American class as a fleet; however this was trailed in the past for \$150 and no results were seen

- Do we need International Constitution? Or do we start looking after our own class rules?

7. Australian Version of the Class Rules: 50:43

Moving on from the International constitution, it was discussed if we feel it's time to start structuring our class here in Australia with our own class rules. This would see no wholesale changes but would be structured around making boats and sails easier to measure and some safety aspects, for example, including VHF radios. There was discussion around a conflict between countries, but unlikely. It was also discussed if this is structured correctly other countries could join our Constitution. It was unanimous in the room that everyone was happy to move in this direction.

There was no date set for the VX Aus Class Rules to go live at the meeting, but with the current rules changing over on the first of January and it being so close to the Nationals I suggest it comes in line with our financial year of the first of July.

8. State Titles: 55:52

Dave Hyde has put forward the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at Avalon sailing club for the NSW titles.

Victoria states last weekend of October, venue to be confirmed.

ACT last weekend of November

QLD to be confirmed, potentially as part of Sail Brisbane on the first weekend of December.

9. Sail Port Stephens : 1:00

Dolly has been approached by SPS to see if there is interest in the VX Ones would like to come back again.

10. Spending Association Money :1.01

Suggestion's that were put forward were:

- Putting money towards come try sail day which would be used for sausage sizzles or social gatherings during said event.
- Entry fees subsidised for long distance travellers.

It was decided that for this year, \$1,000 would go to subsidising long distance travellers, with the committee to decide how this would be broken down.

The money from the current merchandise stocks of \$3800 would go to spending on marketing and come try sail days.

11. New Mast/Tube Manufacturer's: 1.10

Southern Spars are ceasing all small boat manufacturing Worldwide. This will have a massive negative impact on sailing worldwide as it will put added stress on the other manufacturer's to produce increased product to the market and peek everything in spec. Currently CST is the proposed builder for the VX Ones, and once Southern have surplus they will release all the tooling to CST. There is no confirmed date on when this will happen; but will happen in 2020.

12. Other Business:

Brian Case thanked the outgoing Committee on a solid effort in running the class over the last 2 years and he looks forward to piloting the fleet 2020 and beyond.

Meeting Closed at approximately 10:20am